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DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO 121 MONTHS FOR IMPORTING METHAMPHETAMINE

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - September 29, 2008

San Diego, CA - United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Sergio Carrillo-Martinez was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by United States District Judge Marilyn L. Huff to serve 121 months in custody, followed by a five-year term of supervised release, based on Carrillo-Martinez's guilty plea to one count of importation of methamphetamine.

The conviction and sentence arise from Carrillo-Martinez's arrest on February 8, 2007, at the San Ysidro, California, Port of Entry. On that date, Carrillo-Martinez attempted to enter the United States from Mexico as the driver and sole occupant of a white Chevrolet Trailblazer which was later found to contain

approximately 15.16 kilograms of actual methamphetamine concealed in a non-factory compartment in the rear undercarriage of the Trailblazer. The methamphetamine was discovered after a narcotics detector dog

alerted U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers to the presence of a narcotic odor in the undercarriage of the vehicle.

This case stems from an investigation conducted by agents from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement and officers from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 07-CR-0408 H

Sergio Carrillo-Martinez

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960, Importation of Methamphetamine

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement
U.S. Customs and Border Protection